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Anger at bid to ban politics from market

POLITICAL parties and pressure groups may no longer have a place on Haverhill market.

The cabinet at St Edmundsbury Borough Council is to consider new market regulations across the borough – which would see such stalls barred from the weekly events.

Councillors from across all parties have united in opposition to the proposal, which will go before councillors in September.

The Haverhill and Kedington Labour Group have a market stall in town every Saturday.

Cllr Roger André, town mayor, said that if their stall is removed it will not stop him and colleagues from doing their work.

He said: "If they do ban us from the market, they can't ban us from leafleting in the streets around the market – and that's exactly what we will do."

"I will take great pleasure in saying we have been banned from the market – there is no greater publicity for our stall than that."

Cllrs Tony Brown and Maureen Byrne, both borough councillors

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for different parties, are also against the plans.

Both councillors regularly attend market stalls for their parties – and have said that the majority of work completed there does not have a political agenda.

Cllr Brown said: "This decision is not just about us – it's about anyone putting any campaign out there."

"When we are on stalls, it gives people the opportunity to come up with their problems and issues."

"I don't see anything wrong with that."

He added: "There should be free speech for Labour, Conservative, UKIP or anyone else."

"How can they control free speech in this way?"

Cllr Byrne has said that this decision would also force the borough to look carefully at other stalls, such as those for religious groups, who are on the market but do not trade.

She added: "There are religious

stalls on there with their literature and there are charities that campaign – so the borough has got to be very careful with what they decide."

"My view is that we are totally opposed to it. We are not just a Labour party stall."

"This is about us being visible and available. Wherever you live in Haverhill, there will be a councillor from your ward there on the market to support you."

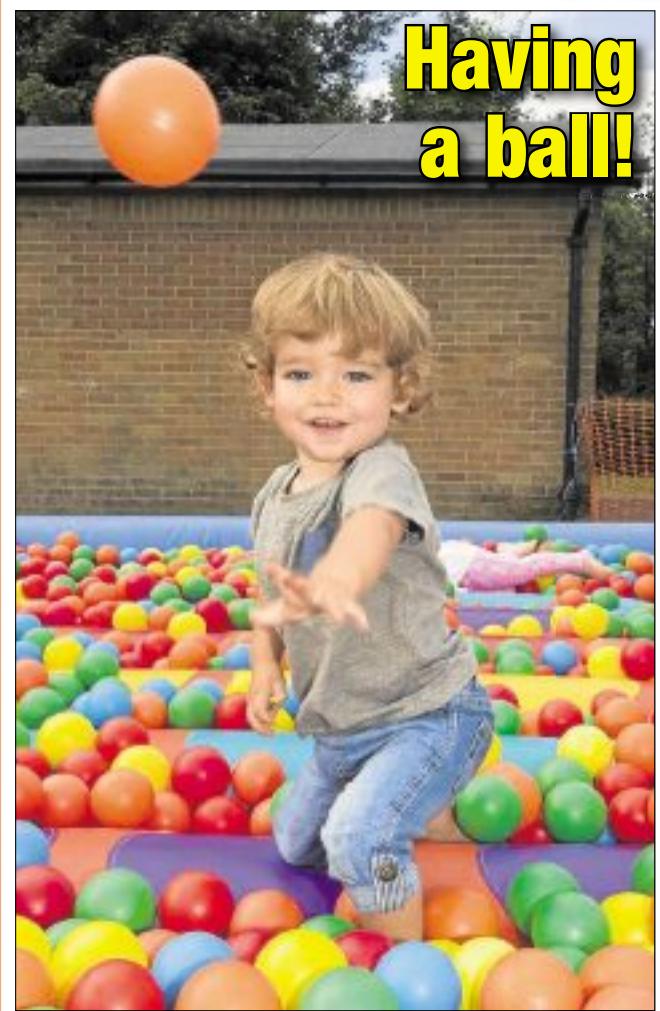
Cllr Alaric Pugh, cabinet member for economic growth, explained that separate arrangements will be made in "pre-assigned" locations for political parties and pressure groups.

He said: "We have been working with market traders on updating the borough's market regulations."

"Like us, they agree that markets are places for buying and selling, and all sides want shoppers to enjoy the experience."

The relevant groups can also apply for a separate street vending licence, Cllr Pugh said, for a market day.

The meeting is on September 2.



CATCH! Jacob Bennett, aged 18 months, enjoys the ball pool at the fun day at The New Croft yesterday. See page 7 for more pictures – plus don't miss the slideshow at www.haverhillweeklynews.co.uk



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REMEMBER: Cllr Roger Everitt, mayor of St Edmundsbury, unveils the sundial in East Town Park.

War centenary – ‘we will remember them’

EVENTS have taken place across the country this week to remember the start of the First World War – 100 years on.

In East Town Park, Haverhill, more than 70 people gathered to pay their respects on Monday and witness the unveiling of a commemorative sundial.

The ceremony was attended by town mayor Cllr Roger André, Cllr Roger Everitt, mayor of St Edmundsbury, and other local councillors and residents.

Cllr Gordon Cox, who put forward the initiative, said the event “exceeded” his expectations.

“Many thanks to all those who attended to make it such a special occasion, and rightly deserved for all those who the commemoration is for,” he added.

Cllr Cox’s idea saw the park’s butterfly garden revamped to include a range of flowering plants, the brass sundial, mounted on a column of stone, and the CB9 logo.

The sundial was also flanked by two stone columns, displaying poetry from the period,

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including *In Flanders Fields*.

Money for the project was contributed by Cllr Tony Brown, who represents Haverhill East on both borough and county councils.

The councillor paid £1,500 from his locality budget.

He said: “It went really well – we were really pleased with it. The sundial was a great, individual idea.”

Members of the Royal British Legion also attend the ceremony, and spoke to guests.

Cllr Sarah Stamp, cabinet member for leisure, culture and heritage, added: “The conflict in the news is a daily reminder of what service to one’s country means.”

“I am convinced that remembrance of the sacrifice made in both world wars sustains the peace we now enjoy. I am pleased that we continue to keep that commemoration relevant and alive in the heart of our communities.”



CEREMONY: Sea Scout Amelia Jennings 11 and Mayor of Haverhill Roger Andre with the new sundial at East Town Park.

Pictures by Keith Jones

Business meeting set for new hospice centre

A NEW hospice outreach centre will welcome local businesses for an event.

The St Nicholas Hospice Care centre, which runs from the Burton Centre in Camps Road, will host the next thebestof Haverhill meeting taking place on August 21.

Businesses and organisations will learn more about the centre’s work and enjoy a tour of the facilities.

Elaine Carr, owner of thebest-of Haverhill, said: “I hope that

local businesses will take the opportunity to hear more about the centre and the fantastic work that it does in our community.”

The centre is open Monday to Friday, from 9am until 5pm. A range of therapies are provided on site. If you would like to attend email haverhill@thebestof.co.uk by August 19 to book a place.

For more information visit www.thebestof.co.uk/haverhill.

Woman is taken to hospital after falling 12ft into culvert

A WOMAN was taken to hospital with serious injuries after falling 12 feet into a water drainage system.

The woman, who is in her 20s, fell into a watery culvert in Lordscroft Lane, Haverhill, at about 10.40pm on Saturday. She was rescued by firefighters and paramedics.

A volunteer doctor and paramedic from the Suffolk Accident Rescue Service were also called to her aid.

After being treated at the scene, the woman was taken to Addenbrooke’s Hospital, Cambridge, by land ambulance. She was suffering from a serious head injury.

Families face blow as two 'vital' children's centres set to merge

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VITAL services for families could be reduced – as plans are revealed for the merger of two children's centres.

The On Track Centre, in Haverhill could merge with the Cartwheels Centre, according to proposals from Suffolk County Council.

The local authority has launched a countywide consultation over how children's centres are run – with changes proposed to make services more effective and save money.

Centres which face closure, including On Track, will see their services delivered elsewhere, the document says.

Though On Track, in Strasbourg Square, is only 1.5 miles away from Cartwheels, on Greenfields Way, the closure will still be a blow for families, Cllr Tony Brown has said.

"The centres provide very different services. We really are against this and we will be totally united 100 per cent," he said.

There may also be opportunities for services to be delivered in people's homes, the document said, with some services from On Track moving to the Chalkstone Community Centre.

Cllr Anne Gower, chair of the board for Haverhill's children's centres, has said both places are "vital" to families in the town.

As well as providing activities and games for both parents and children, they offer advice on breastfeeding,



CRISIS: Haverhill children's centres On Track Centre, left, and Cartwheels Centre, above, look set to merge under Suffolk County Council plans

domestic violence and other problems mothers could face.

Parenting and antenatal classes are also carried out.

Cllr Gower said: "There are young mums living in difficult circumstances and they need to get out of the home and come to a place to socialise their children, and themselves. These services cannot all be delivered in the home."

Cuts should be spread evenly across the budget, and not just focused on one set of services, she added.

Cllr Roger André, town mayor, has spoken of his alarm and services "being withdrawn" from the town.

"Haverhill is a special case," he said. "We do have a pocket of deprivation here that we don't have elsewhere. We are struggling to cope with the issues without children's services being cut even further."

The town mayor has also expressed concerns about how parents living on the Chalkstone Estate will travel to the other side of town to access the Cartwheels Centre.

There is not a reliable bus service between the two areas, he said, and it would be difficult for mothers with pushchairs to walk a long way.

Sarah Warton, of Bath Court, has used both children's centres for different ser-

vices. The mum-of-three said: "I live on the Clements Estate so I am near to Cartwheels – but if it wasn't there I would find it hard to get to On Track.

"[On Track] have been really helpful. They have come to see me at home with my kids – it would be a shame to lose the service."

Cllrs Brown and Gower, along with fellow county councillor Julian Flood, are united against the merger.

Having children's centre services in the town centre would also be beneficial, Cllr Gower added, but these need to be in addition to existing facilities, not instead of.

There are 47 children's centres in

Suffolk. Eight have been earmarked to merge with other centres.

In total, the proposed changes will affect about 18 centres.

Councillors agreed in February this year that savings of £2.9 million needed to be made from children's centres over a four-year period, leading up to 2017.

Cllr Gordon Jones, cabinet member for children's services, said the aim of the consultation is to hear the views of residents across the county.

"Like many people up and down the county, we strongly value the good work carried out by our children's centres and the services they provide," he said.

"However, we believe that more can be done to ensure that these services are as effective as they can be and reaching all those who would benefit."

"Our aim through this consultation is to hear the views of people across Suffolk about the children's centre services and how they feel the services should be shaped."

The consultation, which was agreed last month, is running until October 16. Results will go before Suffolk County Council's cabinet in December.

If approved, the changes will be in place from April next year.

Visit suffolk.gov.uk to take part in the consultation. Click on the 'Your Council' page, then 'Consultations', then 'Children's Centre's Across Suffolk'.

Shell shock as bomb squad is called in to pub's garden



AN artillery shell has been unearthed in a pub garden. Mark Brailsford was tending the garden at The King's Head, in Ridgewell, on Tuesday when he hit metal with his axe.

Mr Brailsford, who is married to the pub's landlady Dawn, thought he had hit an agricultural hose – but then discovered the blue shell.

He said: "I was digging in the garden, clearing a bit of ivy, and I uncovered a rock and then hit a metal object twice.

"At first I thought it was a hose, but then I saw the bruising at the bottom."

Mrs Brailsford, who took over the pub a year ago, then called the police.

The bomb disposal squad from Colchester then arrived on the scene to take away the shell, which was inactive.

Mr Brailsford said: "They said it was a practice round – but they have still got to be



TAKEN AWAY: A member of the bomb disposal squad shows the shell found in the garden of The King's Head pub, left. Picture by Dawn Brailsford

careful because they can have a charge in them.

"I was bit worried because I had hit it with the axe twice. It looked quite a modern one – from about 20 or 30 years ago."

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Since the launch of our Let's Read campaign last month, we have heard from more than 40 local people who are keen to lend a hand in the town's schools.

More than a dozen staff members from Barclays, on the High Street, are part of this group.

Karen Barker, assistant manager, explained that taking part in the project will help with the company's community initiative.

She said: "We are really heavily involved in working in the community and run money skills sessions with local primary schools.

"We thought this scheme would benefit the children, and is some-



TEAM WORK: Barclays staff, from left, Alex Broadhurst, Kate Svenson, Karen Barker and Gemma De Angelo

thing we can put ourselves towards."

The Barclays branch is also looking at working with schools outside of the town.

Soon, we will be collating our potential volunteers for an introduction session to discuss which schools they are keen to work with. The meeting is currently sched-

uled from August 28, from 5.30pm at Haverhill Library.

If you have signed up, we will be contacting you in the next few weeks.

Schools taking part in the Haverhill scheme are Burton End Community Primary School, Castle Manor Academy, Churchill Special Free School, Clements Community

Primary School, New Cangle Community Primary School, Place Farm Primary Academy, Samuel Ward Academy and Westfield Primary Academy.

All we need is a few hours of your time, each week, to listen to children read.

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The Let's Read scheme initially launched in our sister title *Newmarket News* last year – and is due to celebrate its first birthday at the end of the month.

More than 80 people expressed an interest as the scheme got under way – and a number of them have spent the last 12 months offering their help to primary school pupils.

If you would like to get involved, please fill out the form, to the left of this article, and drop it in or post it to Haverhill Library, Camps Road, CB9 8HB or post it to The Editor, Haverhill Weekly News, 15 High Street, Newmarket, CB8 8LX.

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ADVICE: Steve Hicks, cycling training officer, with Iain Watson, senior road safety officer.

Helping out on the road

ROAD users on two and four wheels were given advice on staying safe while travelling.

The Let's Look Out for Each Other campaign, by Suffolk County Council, arrived at Haverhill Recreation Ground last week in a bid to raise awareness.

Drivers were encouraged to signal clearly to cyclists and give them plenty of space,

while cyclists were told to always use lights and wear reflective clothing to make themselves more visible.

Cllr Graham Newman, cabinet member for roads, planning and transport, said: "With a growing number of cyclists taking to Suffolk's roads, we must continue to take the issue of cycle safety extremely

seriously."

Figures have shown that about four cyclists are injured in Suffolk every week – with around three cyclists killed or seriously injured every month.

Sessions have taken place in Bury St Edmunds, Felixstowe and Lowestoft. For more information, visit suffolkroadsafe.net.

Decision time for last garage housing plan

THE remaining application to build new homes on the site of existing garages will be before councillors today.

When the plans, for six affordable homes on land south of Cambridge Way, last appeared before St Edmundsbury Borough Council's Development Control Committee, councillors ruled that they were "minded to refuse".

This meant that council officers had to investigate the legal implications of a possible refusal – despite the application, from Havebury Housing Partnership, being recommended for approval.

If the homes were to be built, existing garages used by residents living nearby would have to be demolished.

According to the council officer's report, of the 17 garages that would be demolished only four are vacant.

It said: "Havebury have also stated that they have nine

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spaces available within the garage block on the opposite side to the application site, and one at the top of Cambridge Way, just beyond the application site.

"They have also provided a list of the tenants that occupy the current garages."

Only six of the tenants across 13 garages live in Cambridge Way, or nearby Western Avenue.

Those who live elsewhere and still use the affected garages have been advised of other vacant spaces available.

There is no "objective evidence" that the spaces in front of the garages are used "extensively" for parking, the report added.

County councillor Julian Flood has called for the application to be rejected.

In a statement to the committee chairman, Cllr Jim Thorndyke, he said:

"Cambridge Way estate is full. Any increase in the numbers of cars, dwellings or people will reduce the quality of life of those already living there and damage the sense of community."

Planning officer Gemma Pannell has advised in her report that councillors wishing to refuse the application should use the loss of existing garage parking, without effective replacement within vicinity of the site, as the reason.

Applications for new homes on both Norton Road and Orford Road, on the Clements Estate, were withdrawn earlier this year after more than 80 complaints about loss of amenities and invasion of privacy.

Plans for Ladygate and Nayland Road were also thrown out.

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It's time to think BIG for Haverhill's future

I HAVE kept publicly silent over the future of Haverhill hoping others would feed suggestions into how the town should develop but have been disappointed with the distinct lack of vision.

The Government has suggested it wants to build three more new towns like at Ebbsfleet. Why not Haverhill? Haverhill back in the 1960s recognised that the town had room for development and agreed with the GLC to build loads of new homes. This helped Haverhill develop into the town it is today with many people then moving into the town, mainly from London. Several companies were persuaded to move too, bringing much-needed employment. The only thing that did not improve was the High Street. Sure, some of the historic buildings were knocked down and new buildings replaced them but there was no expansion away from the High Street.

Now we have Vision 2031. What's that I hear you ask? It is a chance to shape Haverhill for the future but until now I have heard nothing that will make any real change. More housing sure, maybe more employment. But what else? Not much.

The time has come to really think about what sort of Haverhill we want for our children and their children. Do we want more of the same? Or do we really want to put Haverhill on the map? Lots of what has been built recently is not even in Haverhill. Haver Arms? It's in Essex. Business Park? It's in Withersfield. Well does that matter? It does to Haverhill Town Council because they do not get any council tax from these properties. This fact alone makes a big difference to what can be spent in the town by the council and what it can provide for you.

Why not think big? I think we can agree that what is missing from Haverhill is good roads, shops and a railway. If we join up for some of the £2.4 billion the Government has waiting to spend on town expansion, which is likely to bring private investors spending too, maybe more than doubling what is available. We could have a brand new shopping mall. Indoor shopping, no more walking through ice and snow to get to your favourite shops. A Grafton Centre of our own or even bigger! What about building a new road from the M11 to Bury St Edmunds via Saffron Walden and Haverhill? The link to the M11 needs to go north as well as south. Getting to Cambridge no trouble likewise Addenbrooke's Hospital and all those new science jobs coming. At the same time link the railway from Stansted to Haverhill and Bury St Edmunds. All the new companies that would come to town will be fighting each other to place their workforce here with such good infrastructure. Town borders? Let's move them, make all of Haverhill in Haverhill. Make Haverhill bigger and better than Bury St Edmunds. Let's have them come here to shop! Let us get the things Haverhill people want and not be beholden to Bury St Edmunds, who think we should be grateful for their leftovers.

Please write to the town council, with your views for or against. But please don't ignore the chance to make a huge impact for everyone's future because if we don't make it happen nobody is going to do it for you and you could end up living to regret it.

Councillor Ernie Goody
Haverhill Town Council East Ward
C/o Haverhill Arts Centre High Street

We will be let down by the NHS again

YOU wrote that Dr Sule stated the merger of surgeries would be the 'best option' ('Surgery merger will benefit town, says GP', *Weekly News*, July 31) – and whilst I have no doubt that our GP's want the best for us I also have absolutely no doubt that we all will be let down by NHS Suffolk again. Actually, it will now be West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS England mentioned in your article who have taken over their responsibilities.

If you remember, the Crown Health Centre in Haverhill was closed down despite being promised it would add to existing services. Indeed, GP's were expecting NHS Suffolk to supply X-ray and ultrasound facilities – which we still do not have.

I am certainly not surprised the NHS England and West Suffolk CCG have agreed the scheme. Will they fail to properly fund local healthcare, will it be all about cutting costs and services to save money again – or will we get new X-ray and ultrasound facilities? My guess is that they will again fail to properly fund local healthcare and we will still not get any new facilities.

There is the elephant in the room. In 1997, I remember getting to see my own GP within two or three days – now I have to wait weeks. Even with a new doctor next week, the town is growing because of mass immigration – so we will still be in a similar position next year. But some will say that makes me a racist to mention it in today's stupid mad world. I do not blame immigrants but successive governments for their incompetence and maladministration.

Garry Anderson
Markhams Close
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I suggest pitchforks and torches....

IT was with delight that I read Diane Andrés' wonderful missive to Cllr Griffiths (*Weekly News* letters, July 24).

To get her point, and indeed the point of all those who care about Haverhill across, I suggest that a good old pitchfork and flaming torches band invade Bury council chambers and explain it to them in ways that our forbears found most satisfactory. I am quite willing to fund the pitchforks, flaming torches and minibuses! I propose Diane at the head.

Dennis Richards
Moneypiece Close
Haverhill

MP facing poisoned chalice in energy role

I SUPPOSE it is in order to suggest that one of the most dominant features of today's society is "concern".

Concerns about more or less everything, the state of this and that, about peace and security, about the economy and poverty. Concerns about work or the lack of it. Housing. Whether there is going to be a place to call home. Whether there will be enough to eat. Health issues. Concerns about the future, our children's or our grandchildren's futures. Oh yes, and about energy.

Happily though, the Government seems to be fully aware of this particular problem and has at last taken the necessary steps to ensure (more likely to reassure a concerned public) by appointing a responsible minister of energy in no less a person

than our very own representative member.

I think I ought to explain for the benefit of those who don't actually know who our representative is. It is none other than the ex-economist, ex-advisor and ex this and that, Mr Matthew Hancock, MP, or maybe later ex-MP.

Hurrah, because now we can be sure that he will use all of his experience to do everything he can to make sure that the lights of Newmarket, Haverhill, and the rest of his anxious Suffolk constituency will never go out, and I personally can confidently rely on getting my early-morning cup of tea and toast.

The big question is though – what does he actually mean to do about securing our energy future? Perhaps he doesn't quite know yet. But we can be certain that he will tell us as soon as he does know. In the meantime I would like answers to a few questions.

Firstly, where does he stand on pertinent questions regarding energy generation supply and secondly, where do his constituency loyalties lie? For instance, wind farms? Solar farms? Nuclear? Future of oil supplies? Fracking?

Now there's a poisoned chalice for you to sip at Matt, I'd sooner it were you tasting it than myself.

The reason I am asking these awkward questions is that I have just heard a whisper, but it might only be an echo of an idea that an organisation is considering a very large wind farm close to the borders of his constituency.

Also yet another hypothetical energy generating company are discussing with hypothetical geological authority survey reports that there is a vast shale of oil and gas field under the chalk sub-strata and his whole constituency sits on.

What would Matt's attitude be to the wind farm proposal? And the hypothetical proposal to drill for shale gas, potential bordering onto the Newmarket gallops for instance. Or Haverhill. Or Thurlow.

Of course, everybody has democratic right of protest including yourself, but I expect it would be the usual "not in my backyard" syndrome. My attitude? Well, life has thrown all it can at me, so I suppose it has to be that... needs must. As the devil drives, kind of answer.

I think, Mr Hancock MP, you are being offered the cup of hemlock. I am told that it does not taste so bad with a spoonful of conceit and a good dose of arrogance.

John Insole
Boxford Court
Haverhill

Time to work together to make things better

REPLY from Cllr John Griffiths, leader of St Edmundsbury Council, to open letter from Cllr Maureen Byrne in last week's *Weekly News*:

Thank you for your letter. For the avoidance of any doubt, since your letter to me was on a Labour Party letterhead and you sign it "on behalf of the Haverhill Community", I am responding to you in your capacity as a Haverhill town councillor (writing presumably on behalf of Haverhill Town Council?), and because your only substantive point relates to Haverhill Town Council's council tax support grant and finances.

That said I will do my best to respond to all your points (and comments) in turn.

• Both you and I were limited to one five-minute maximum contribution each at Full Council by the rules of debate, as you must know, and I was responding to the petition. As you also know, the mayor extended the normal length of time allowed for

this debate to enable more councillors to speak.

• You refer yet again to my words "carping on" which I was careful to specifically direct to Haverhill Town Council and councillors only (not to "the Haverhill community" as you suggest). I, personally, get told not to "carp on" all the time – often when I am seeking further funding and support for Haverhill and West Suffolk – and I have never actually taken personal offence about this. However, if you and your fellow town councillors really find those two words so "offensive and demeaning", particularly in the context they were made (to quote "please spend their – the people of Haverhill's – money wisely, please stop carping on, please think laterally and please work with the rest of us to help improve things for our citizens") – I am happy to withdraw the words "carping on".

• With reference to your only substantive point, namely the town council's support grant (and associated petition), Councillor Ray is providing you with yet another full clarification of the actual position, which I was able to confirm personally in a meeting with the Minister, Brandon Lewis (together with Matthew Hancock MP and St Edmundsbury's CEO and head of finance), but which you appear unwilling to understand.

• I did not suggest that "Haverhill residents should feel grateful to have their rubbish collected", nor that "the town council has no place in representing the views of residents". I did however suggest that the funds "are not yours (Haverhill Town Council) – nor ours (St Edmundsbury)" but belong to the people of Haverhill and West Suffolk.....which I still think.

• Again, I did not dismiss the legitimacy of your (town) councillors to represent their electorate", but would suggest that you are not the only people to do so – elected (like borough and county councillors and MPs) or otherwise (like One Haverhill, the Chamber of Commerce etc.) to SERVE – as well as represent – the people of Haverhill.

• I do not believe that either Cllr Ray or I have "misled" borough councillors or "insulted and patronised" anyone. That said, if this was by any chance the case, it was certainly unintentional and I would apologise for it. And on a personal note, I confess I would have preferred it if you had not questioned my integrity, amongst other personal accusations, and instead stuck to the facts.... or even asked me to "stop carping on"!

Although you do not seem interested in the many things that St Edmundsbury has done, is doing and wishes to do (both "statutory" and much more) for "the Haverhill community" during my time as leader of the council, I and many others are actually quite proud of them. Many of these achievements for the town have only been possible thanks to our working well, and constructively, with others both in Haverhill (like the Chamber of Commerce, Menta, Abbeycroft, local people and businesses) and beyond (like Suffolk County Council, the Police, the NHS, the Government and voluntary sector).

Needless to say, there is always more that needs doing in the service of our residents and businesses in Haverhill.... and I again invite you to work with us (whatever your party political or personal interests) to make things even better for Haverhill and West Suffolk. I suggest that is where we should both be putting our energies henceforward, and that is certainly what I intend to do.

Cllr John Griffiths

Antics for all as family fun day proves big hit

SUMMER fun is off to a flying start in Haverhill with another midweek fun day.

The Chalkstone Fun Day, held at The New Croft yesterday, welcomed families from across town for a range of outdoor activities.

Parents and children alike took advantage of sports equipment, provided by Abbeycroft Leisure, and tried their hand on trampolines, a mega slide and a climbing wall.

There was also human table football, music and other games to enjoy.

The event, which ran from 11am until 3pm, was organised by Haverhill Town Council in conjunction with Haverhill Community Sports Association and Haverhill Rovers.

Thousands of people have already flocked to the town's free summer events – including the Big Day Out, held last week on the Recreation Ground.

You can attend the free Picnic in the Park event at East Town Park on August 13, and on August 20 the annual Parkway Fun Day, held on the Castle Playing Fields, will also take place.

For more information about community events this summer visit haverhill-tc.gov.uk.



FUN FUN FUN:
Enjoying themselves at the fun day are William Grace, 5, right; Eden Morgan, 2, and sister Evie, 4, left; and Alfie Coe, 5, below left



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Duncan saddles up for 100 more miles to raise money for another good cause

A CYCLIST is taking on a mammoth challenge – for the second year in a row.

Duncan Thomas, right, will ride for 100 miles as part of the Prudential Ride London-Surrey, taking place on Sunday.

The 53-year-old, of Trinity Link, Haverhill, is raising money for Children with Cancer UK.

Already, Duncan has raised more than £700, but hopes to raise as much as possible to help the charity.

Duncan also took part in the ride last year, raising £800 for Breast Cancer Care in memory

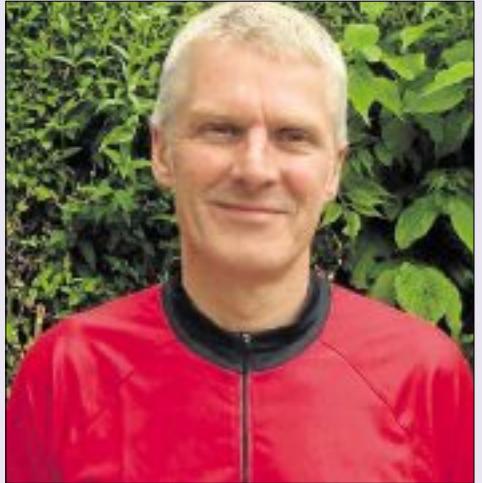
of his mum Margaret.

He said: "I am really looking forward to it again – it seems strange, but it seemed to go quite quickly last year because it was the first time I had done it."

He completed the ride in five-and-a-half-hours – and is hoping for the same again.

To donate to Duncan visit uk.virginmoneygiving.com/duncanthomas1.

He also has collection boxes in The Woolpack pub, in Queen Street, and Aerocycles, in Falconer Road.



Think big for town's future – councillor

DEBRA FOX

A TOWN councillor who has lived in Haverhill for more than 40 years is urging the public to get behind the town masterplan scheme.

Cllr Ernie Goody, who represents Haverhill East, is calling for residents to make their own suggestions for the future of their town.

The town centre masterplan is being overseen by ONE Haverhill – with suggestions for both big and small changes welcome.

Local people, councillors and businesses are being encouraged to speak now during the initial stages, to shape the future.

Cllr Goody has said it is time to think "what sort of Haverhill" local people want for their children and grandchildren.

He said: "If people don't sit down and think big then nothing's going to happen."

"I have lived here since 1972, and since then people have been moaning about the High Street – everyone says



we want to do this and that, but no one comes forward.

"If we want a new town centre, we need to ask for it now."

The town councillor, who is also a ONE Haverhill member, has also suggested that the old boundaries of Haverhill are extended, to enable the town council to collect council tax from new properties, which will not be classed as part of the town.

Haverhill would also benefit from having its own indoor shopping centre, such as the Grand Arcade or Grafton Centre in Cambridge, he added.

"I would like to see a new road built

from the M11 to Haverhill, at least, if not all the way to Bury – that would do away with the A1307.

"I don't think the town can survive as it is."

Cllr Tony Brown, who is also a ONE Haverhill board member, is dealing with the community engagement aspect of the plan.

Already, he has heard from a number of residents with their suggestion – but is keen to collate as many as possible.

He said: "So far people have asked for more infrastructure and more shops – but I want to make sure that everyone is engaged with the whole process.

"I have got really high hopes for the future."

Cllr Brown would personally like to see some sort of water feature in the town centre, he has said, and also play equipment for young people who come into the town with their parents.

If you want to share your thoughts contact the town council via Haverhill Arts Centre. You can also email Cllr Brown via tony.brown@stedsbc.gov.uk.

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Water warning issued as hundreds of fish die

A STRETCH of the Stour Brook has been polluted and "hundreds of fish" have been killed.

The Environment Agency confirmed yesterday that a stretch of the brook, which runs through East Town Park, Haverhill, is being aerated after fish have died from lack of oxygen, caused by pollution.

A spokeswoman said: "We are investigating the cause of the pollution and carrying out a survey of live fish to see if they need to be rescued from the water."

The local authority has been notified and dog owners are being advised

to keep their animals from the water. Abtractors downstream have also been informed.

Cllr Tony Brown, whose ward includes East Town Park, has dubbed the situation "disgusting".

A number of years ago the river was too polluted for wildlife, he said, but up until this incident it was "thriving" with shoals of fish – and an otter had even been spotted there.

"I took my dog down there just the other day and it was thriving with fish. This is absolutely gutting news," he said.

"I hope they can find out exactly what

happened. This is the best park in town and a lot of children go down there to play."

The contamination is believed to have affected a 4km stretch of the water leading up to the River Stour at Sturmer, Cllr Brown added.

Homefield Road Vets have also issued a warning via the Facebook Page, urging pet owners not to let their dogs swim in the river.

It said: "Please please please don't let your dogs or children in the river down at East Town Park, there is something in the water that is proving fatal if ingested."

Garage raided for scooter

A YAMAHA scooter has been stolen from a garage in Haverhill.

Two garages in Fallowfield Court were broken into overnight between July 29 and 30.

A black Yamaha Aero, registration number AY13 RHZ, was taken from inside one of them.

Two socket sets, along with a case of other assorted sockets, were stolen from the other garage.

The car parked inside was scratched along the doors and bonnet.

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PARTY: Revellers enjoyed the tribute night fun in the market square.

Rocking the night away at tribute event

TWO thousand people flocked to Haverhill's market square to get a front-row position for the first tribute night of the year.

The tribute nights are a highlight in Haverhill's annual calendar, with live music from family favourites taking to the stage.

On Saturday, tributes to Madonna, Robbie Williams, Lady Gaga and Olly

Murs wowed parents and children alike.

Music from the movies, including *Dirty Dancing*, *Grease*, *Mamma Mia!* and *Saturday Night Fever*, was also on the bill.

Nick Keeble, arts and leisure manager, said: "We had more than 2,000 people here and it was absolutely brilliant.

"There was a great mix for families and kids – they loved Robbie Williams and Olly Murs!"

The next concert is on August 16 from 8pm, and will feature all of the hits from tribute acts to ELO and Queen. The second concert is part of the Saving the 70s initiative, in partnership with Haverhill Local History Group.

Abuse victims urged to help with project

Commissioner's bid to understand issue

SUFFOLK'S police and crime commissioner is undertaking key research into domestic abuse – and is looking for victims to come forward to help with the project.

Tim Passmore, working with University Campus Suffolk, is looking for ways to better understand domestic abuse so that the force can better support "vulnerable victims".

He said: "Domestic abuse is a terrible crime and the constabulary is committed to dealing with it but it is difficult to deal with an issue unless you really understand the extent of the problem.

"Working with University Campus Suffolk, I have commissioned a research project so that we can better understand domestic abuse and how services can better support vulnerable victims.

"We need to really get to grips with the magnitude of this problem if we are going to deliver services that meet the needs of victims.

"I know this research by UCS will help us to really understand what we

NATALIE ROBINSON

are dealing with here in Suffolk."

And while tackling domestic abuse is part of the PCC's police and crime plan, and currently a priority for Suffolk Constabulary, Mr Passmore says understanding the problem is a "challenge" due to it being so under-reported.

Stuart Agnew, senior lecturer in criminology at UCS, said: "The focus of the project is to examine the perceptions and experiences of a particularly vulnerable and marginalised group who have been a victim of crime, during their journey through the criminal justice process.

"It is well established that victims of domestic violence have a wide variety of personal experiences and support needs."

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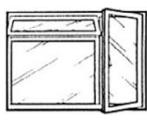
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Newmarket areas and Tim is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and

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Summer garden party

A CARING volunteer is holding an annual garden party for cancer charities.

David Wheeldon, of Clare, will host the event on Saturday, August 16 from 2pm until 5pm.

It will take place in the grounds at Riverbank, Stour Green, Stoke Road, Clare.

Mr Wheeldon, who lost his wife to cancer in 2009, has raised thousands for Cancer Research UK, St Nicholas Hospice Care and Macmillan Cancer Support.

Entry is free, but donations are welcome.

Flower and song festival

A FLOWER festival and songs of praise event is taking place in Kedington.

The festival is in honour of those who went to war in 1914 to save their homeland.

On at St Peter and Paul Church, on Mill Road, it is running from 11am until 5.30pm.

Songs of Praise is at 6pm on Sunday, August 17.

Programmes cost £2.50 at the door and entry is free for children.

There will also be a display of memorabilia and refreshments available.

For more information contact 01440 763066.

Lights out for centenary

RESIDENTS across Haverhill remembered the First World War with a lights-out initiative.

The push took place on Monday between 10pm and 11pm.



FUNDRAISERS: Barbara, far right, hands the money over to Marie Curie.

Tea party raises £648 for charity

GUESTS at a charity tea party have helped raise more than £600 in memory of a much loved husband.

Barbara Tyler, of Kedington, held the Blooming Great Tea Party fundraiser at the community centre in July.

The afternoon of tea, cakes, games and stalls helped to raise £648 for Marie Curie.

More than 50 guests packed out the village's centre, eager to make their own contribution to the cause.

Sheila Jeffery, senior healthcare assistant for Marie Curie, hailed the event as "wonderful".

Visit mariecurie.org.uk for more information on the charity, and how to hold your own fundraiser.

'We need to take care of ourselves...'

FUNDING is being sought for a life-saving scheme across Haverhill.

Cllr Betty McLatchy revealed her Haver-Heart initiative at a council meeting last week.

Haverhill Town Council plans to buy a defibrillator through a British Heart Foundation scheme – but Cllr McLatchy has taken the project a step further.

She is seeking funding for information stickers, to be displayed in shops across town, with details of where each defibrillator is located, and the telephone number.

The councillor said: "If anything happens then people will know where is nearest to them."

"I want to get all of the businesses to arrange one person who is responsible for ringing the number while others are attending to the person."

As well as the new defibrillator, which will be stored in the Arts Centre, there is one in each of the GP surgeries in town.

Though they do not require specific training, the councillor also plans to organise demonstration sessions to

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give people more confidence in using the equipment.

She added: "I feel a lot of people are frightened to use the equipment on someone – it is quite nerve-racking."

"People complain about response times for ambulances, but we have got to think where Haverhill is located."

"We need to take care of ourselves a bit."

Following Cllr McLatchy's announcement at the meeting, Cllrs Paul Firman and Maureen Byrne pledged to contribute money, as did local residents John Burns.

Cllr McLatchy is also only £356 away from raising the thousands needed to purchase an ultrasound machine for the town. This is through the Haverhill Wellbeing Fund, set up last year.

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POSITIVE OUTLOOK:
David Wright will tackle the long-distance triathlon, consisting of a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and then a marathon. David says he was a habitual yo-yo dieter struggling with his weight

I used to joke about my weight, but I was ashamed...

Following life-changing back surgery, David Wright has lost a third of his body weight and now has his sights set on the gruelling Ironman triathlon – one of the world's toughest challenges. The determined dad-of-two tells **Lydia Fallon** how he's turned his life around

David Wright exudes positivity from every pore.

Toned, tanned and constantly smiling, the dad-of-two could persuade even the most cynical of people they could take on the world and come out victorious. "I believe every morning you get up and you have two choices: you can get up and choose to be happy or get up and choose to be sad, and I always choose to be happy," David, 49, enthuses. "I don't really believe in the word 'can't', you can do whatever you want to do."

His zest for life is addictive. David, who lives in Tadlow, turns 50 next month, but you certainly won't find him reaching for his pipe and slippers. Instead he's celebrating the milestone by signing up for one of the most gruelling challenges in the world: Ironman.

A long-distance triathlon consisting of a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and then a marathon (without a break!), anyone who completes the challenge within the strict 17-hour time limit becomes an Ironman. It's an incredibly daunting prospect, but one David is relishing. "The training is absolutely mental, but I'm of the mentality that if I know I'm going to do this, then I want to know I'm going to finish and I'm going to give myself the best chance of finishing," he smiles. "You have 17 hours to finish and if you even take one second over that, you're not an Ironman, so it is pretty brutal!"

With an equally wince-inducing training regime, comprising eight gruelling sessions a week, you'd be forgiven for thinking David has been a dedicated fitness junkie his whole life, but that couldn't be further from the truth. Just over two years ago, David weighed 20 and a half stone and faced constant and crippling pain due to the back condition spinal stenosis. Unhappy and unhealthy, he was at his wits' end.

"I have always been a habitual yo-yo dieter with an addiction to food, and have struggled to keep my weight in check for much of my life," explains David. "I would often stress-eat; I was unhappy and you tend to eat to combat it. I'd go into a garage, fill up my car with petrol and then the chocolate bars would start calling me: 'Not only can you have this Mars bar for 50p, you can have two of these big ones for even cheaper'. Before you know it, you're eating two in the car on the way home when you didn't even want them."

By the time he'd hit 40, David's weight was becoming a serious problem, and when he started suffering pain in his legs too, things got progressively worse. "It was 2011 and it felt kind of like pins and needles initially. I thought nothing of it, but it was exactly the same thing the next day and then the next, until it got to a point where I was struggling to feel my toes.

"The crippling pain became so intense to the point that I couldn't even go to the supermarket with my wife. It was unbearable for everyone,

especially my wife and kids, I knew that I just couldn't do enough for my family, or with them," David remembers.

Normally a sociable person, David found his confidence diminishing as he struggled to cope. "When I look back now, I realise I would always make jokes about being fat. We'd be on holiday or out with friends and they'd ask if I wanted some food, I'd say things like 'I've got to eat, I don't want to become anorexic'. I realise how sad that is now, but at the time I took the mickey because I was so ashamed."

After months suffering in silence, David eventually went to see a doctor about the pain in his legs. He was told it was in fact a problem with his back, and referred to a consultant called Mr Laing at Spire Cambridge Lea Hospital. It was this man, David says, who changed his life. "He did an MRI scan and found I had spinal stenosis, which is the narrowing of the spine. He told me he could operate and shave parts of the disc, plus open the canal. I had the back surgery in January 2012 – about a year after I'd first started having the pain – and it was a success."

Just a few weeks after the operation all David's pain had gone ("I felt fantastic!"), but he now weighed 20 and a half stone, and knew he needed to do something to shed the pounds, and fast. Some gentle encouragement from his wife Yvonne proved to be the answer. "She kept bullying me, saying 'you've got to come to this weight loss

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BEFORE AND AFTER: David lost six stone in just six months after undergoing back surgery – now he feels like he can do anything

bootcamp my personal trainer runs' and I eventually agreed," he laughs.

It was a revelation. Called Biggleswade Bootcamp and run by Aiden Jones and Nick Gilbert, David wholeheartedly embraced the challenge and won the accolade of Bootcamp Champion in his first six weeks, after achieving the biggest weight loss percentage out of the whole group. He won the next one too, and the next one, and was even crowned ultimate champion (winning £1,000 in the process) when he shed six stone in just six months. "It was just the focus I needed," David smiles. "First they gave me a nutrition plan; it was eating more ironically, but just the right kind of food. So I would eat five times a day, have a healthy breakfast, lunch and dinner, and snack on fruit and nuts. I drank lots of green tea and three to four litres of water a day.

"There were three bootcamp session a week, where we'd do exercises like burpees, sprints, battle ropes, TRX, tyre slams and medicine balls, and then I'd do extra training on top of that as well. I did it with my wife so that was great; instead of sitting in front of the TV, we were able to be disciplined, and if I didn't feel like going she would and if she didn't feel like going then I would. We would encourage each other."

Through hard work and a lot of dedication, David had now got his weight down to 14 stone, but having well and truly caught the fitness bug, he was desperate for the next challenge. "About five years ago I was talking to some of the girls I work with and I said 'when I lose all this weight I'm going to become a triathlete' and they were like 'what?!" he laughs. "They didn't believe me."

But that's exactly what he did. Before 2013 David hadn't been on a bike since he was a kid, hated running and couldn't swim a proper stroke, but he threw caution to the wind and signed up to his first triathlon regardless. "It was at Hampton Court and it was an absolutely freezing day," David remembers, showing me a photo. "There was a 430m swim, 12 miles on a bike and a 5k run. I was hoping to do it in an hour and a half but did it in 1 hour 21 minutes, so I was over the moon."

It must have been an amazing feeling when he crossed the finish line? "It was an unbelievable feeling; I felt free," remembers David. "It was quite emotional for me as well, a culmination of how far my journey

had come from being so unhealthy to being able to call myself a triathlete.

"Mr Laing gave me my life back when he did that operation, that's how I look at it. I was in a bad place but he just gave me that feeling I could do anything. I'm 50 this year but I feel like I'm 20; I can do all those things I always wanted to do but couldn't and I intend to do them my whole life."

More triathlons followed, as well as half marathons and marathons too. But the Ironman, which is just months away, will undoubtedly be David's biggest challenge yet. "I've done all the distances individually but it's putting all three of them together in under 17 hours. I'm hoping the euphoria, anticipation and excitement will drag me through," smiles David.

David admits the training has, at times, been "brutal", but every time he feels like he can't go on he remembers the unfailing support he's received. "It really does spur you on," David muses. "My family (wife Yvonne and children Dexter, 19, and Amara, 16)

have been a huge support. They are everything to me and they do really push me to keep going. They are there in the cold, in the rain, always cheering me on and they've been really understanding about all the time I have to spend training."

He adds: "We have friends in Turkey and he told me I had inspired him to sign up to his first triathlon, which I was so chuffed about. Having that effect on people is what it's all about, I really want to inspire people to get off their backsides and do something," he says.

An old picture of David taken when he was at his biggest, also offer plenty of motivation. "Look how awful it is," he says, showing me the photo. "I look at it and go: 'I never want to go back there again.' I'm very self-focused on what I need to do and whenever I feel like I've hit the wall, I just open up my phone and look at how I was."

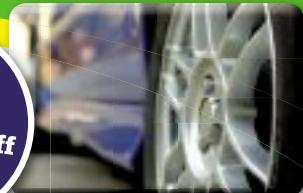
So what's his message to others struggling with their weight? "Firstly, I'd say it's never too late. Just get off the sofa and start walking, take the first step and start to change your life."

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HAPPY DAYS: Louise Dyson, left, and Bekki Dore with their families

Slimming's a habit for these mums



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LOSING unwanted weight after pregnancy can seem impossible.

But these new mums rose to the challenge and hit their targets.

Bekki Dore and Louise Dyson, both of Haverhill, had already reached their weight-loss goals before falling pregnant.

The women, who both had baby boys, stuck to the eating plan and were back at target only weeks after giving birth.

Bekki, a mum-of-five, joined Slimming World in April last year with the aim of losing one-and-a-half stone.

She ditched the packet sauces, chocolate and crisps in favour of fruit, vegetables and fresh ingredients.

Her new outlook, which has impacted husband Lee, sons Elliott, 9, Harrie, 4, and Jase 3, plus 23-month-old daughter Elsie, helped her stay in shape through pregnancy, and after.

Bekki, 29, gave birth to new baby Lyle, 8lbs 8oz, on May 9.

She said: "This is the best I have felt in my pregnancies. I didn't have any high or low blood pressure, or anything."

"It does make you feel better



BAD OLD DAYS: Louise, left, and Bekki before shedding pounds

and you have so much more energy."

Bekki now weighs 10st 7lbs and has reduced her target to 10st 2.5lbs.

Mum-of-three Louise was a size 18-20 when she started Slimming World. Now, she is wearing a size 12-14.

She gave birth to son Jack in April this year – and currently weighs 12st 1.5lbs. She weighed 15st 4lbs when she started.

Louise, 40, said: "I never thought I would lose the weight – but it is a way of life.

"I am happy and comfortable this size, and I don't want

to go back to the way I was before."

Louise, mum to son Craig, 11, and a daughter Olivia, 4, also did zumba and aqua aerobics throughout her pregnancy.

She hopes to get back to her target of 11st 11lbs in the coming weeks.

Both Bekki and Louise attend Haverhill Slimming World groups held at The New Croft on Chalkstone Way.

Contact Tania Watson, consultant, for Wednesdays on 07974 565229 or Mel Laing, consultant, for Tuesdays on 07818 275743.

Effort continues to get green lane listed

A GREEN lane, which is being sought as an asset of community value, falls into three local authority areas.

Colin Poole, town clerk, was asked by councillors last month to try to get a green lane, which runs beyond East Town Park, listed as an asset.

But now, steps must be taken to establish to identify the

owners as the green lane falls between St Edmundsbury and Braintree districts – and the footpath belongs to Babergh.

"We will have to take advice from three different councils," he said.

Listing the green lane would protect a 10-hectare space, which is near to the 20-hectare "buffer zone"

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IMPRESSIVE: Haverhill Rovers FC in action at The New Croft. Fans, families and local businesses are what this club is all about, and sponsors are welcome aboard too

ryone: from the age of 3 up to 60. Anyone in the community is welcome (and encouraged) to get involved with the club: and with qualified coaches available for each age group, they're perfectly set up to help you enjoy the game.

The club's philosophy is that there is more to the club than just their first team. Families, boys, girls, people with disabilities and everyone else who wants to get involved: all are included. And the

more people who get involved, the better. As Peter says, the club's first team is ambitious, and keen to "move up the pyramid", but they aim to do so by sourcing and nurturing their own homegrown players. That's why the club has well-established pathways in place to develop elite young players from the age of 12, helping them to progress through the team's structures via the Under 18s and ultimately through into the first team

itself... and perhaps beyond.

The more local support from fans, families and local businesses that Haverhill Rovers FC can enlist, then the more potential the club has to progress.

If you are a local business looking to get involved with this great community club and resource, then sponsorship is always welcomed. The club has a selection of sponsorship opportunities large and small, ranging from match day sponsor-

ship to sponsorship of individual players, kit sponsorship, stadium sponsorship and much more: all at graduated prices.

To find out more about sponsorship email Club Secretary Julie Ankers at julesankers@gmail.com. To find out more about the club, why not visit them at The New Croft, Chalkstone Way, Haverhill, CB9 0BW, phone (01440) 702137, or browse their website at pitchero.com/clubs/haverhillroversfc.



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Great Scots

80s heartthrobs Wet Wet Wet are back and playing Newmarket Nights. ELLA WALKER tries to interview the band's bassist Graeme Clark while deer eat all his flowers



THE Love really is All Around at Graeme Clark's house (ahem). Instead of throwing down the phone, stalking outside and shouting at a pair of deer munching on his begonias, the Scottish bassist of soft rock crooners Wet Wet Wet is actually a bit overcome ("it's lovely seeing them so close").

With a back catalogue of more than 30 hit singles, including three numbers ones – most famously their 15-week chart topping cover of The Troggs' *Love Is All Around* – Wet Wet Wet have overcome royalty disputes, drug and alcohol addictions and that inescapable *Four Weddings and a Funeral* soundtrack.

Fronted by heartthrob Marti Pellow, with Tommy Cunningham on drums and Neil Mitchell on keys, last year saw them take to arenas on a greatest hits tour featuring three new songs.

What should we expect from your set? All the old favourites?



"When you buy a Wet Wet Wet ticket you know what you're going to get. I think there are certain songs that we have to play, if we didn't play them, man, I think they'd pin us to the racecourse and let the horses run over us."

But there'll be a few new tracks too...

"For me the lifeblood of the band is about new music. We've got to be current otherwise we just turn into this nostalgic band. And that's not to say we won't be playing any old stuff because we will, the last thing any Wet Wet Wet fan wants to hear is us coming on stage and saying: 'Right, I hope you like our new direction! We're going to play a lot of B-sides here and some tracks that you won't know!' We feed off a crowd, we like to grab a hold of the crowd and take it on a musical journey with us. And our musical journey is all about hit records. We've got loads of them, so there'd be no point us going away and doing obscure songs."



Talking of hit records, are you still fond of *Love Is All Around*, or have you grown sick of it?

"I love that song and there was a time, back then when it came out, that you couldn't move without hearing it on the radio. When a song gets like that, just done to death in a short space of time, then yeah, you do gravitate away from it, but it's 20 years since that song came out so there's a good bit of space between us."

"It's not as intense as it was back then, so you can look at the song with different eyes and different ears too. Ultimately for me it's a good song, and there can never be enough good songs in the world. I stand by it, and when I hear it on the radio today my chest bursts with pride. As my wife goes, oh no, not again..."

"It was probably the closest we got to seeing what One Direction have. It becomes a really intense thing because your life is just all about

that. Your life just suddenly becomes engulfed by a three-minute song. Sometimes that can be an unhealthy place. We like to keep things in proper perspective and ultimately, when you fly around the world as fast as that there's always going to be something to trip you up. And I used One Direction there – and I'm not saying we were anything like One Direction, because it's silly intense for them – but you can see people are just waiting for something to drop, waiting for the cracks to show, and I feel for these guys."

Do you feel that you've all changed, as men and musicians since you started out?

"We're all coming up to 50 now and no-one's died, there's been no messy divorces, so in terms of that, we're actually doing all right. We're doing well, and we're all still friends. Ultimately we're friends first and we just happen to have been successful."

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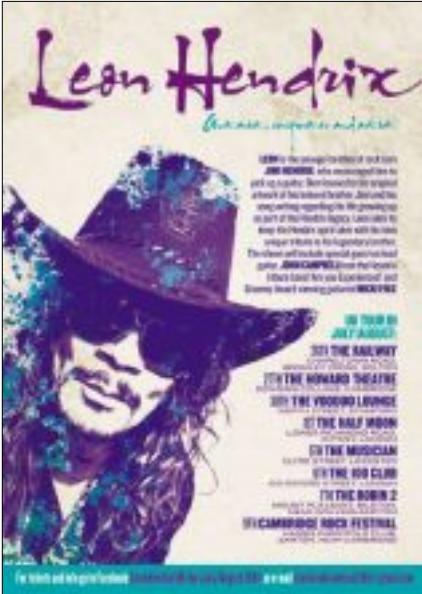
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Cambridge Rock Festival



WHETHER you're a hardcore rocker or a more chilled out headbanger, Cambridge Rock Festival isn't all about leather, tattoos and screaming aggressively with your head down and your arms in the air. It's actually pretty relaxed and very family friendly (but you can scream if you want to).

This year the line-up features the likes of Ultimate Eagles, Larry Miller, Snake Charmer, Wishbone Ash, Jorn Lande, FM and Fleetwood Bac.

There'll also be harmonica workshops to sign up to, and The Cream of Cambridgeshire Stage is definitely worth checking out. Simpleton, 4th Labyrinth and Fred's House will all be performing. Then there's stuff for the kids too. . . there'll be arts and crafts to get stuck into across the weekend, for when they're not moshing out of course.

And make sure you don't miss Leon Hendrix - he's only the younger brother of the

■ Haggis Farm Polo Club, Barton, Thursday, August 7 – Sunday, August 10. Day and weekend tickets £25-£115 from cambridgerockfestival.co.uk.

legendary Jimi. A songwriter, artist and guitarist in his own right, the 66-year-old now travels and performs in memory of his brother, who died aged 27 from a suspected barbiturates overdose in 1970.

Leon's written about Jimi, wrangled with his adopted sister Janie over his brother's legal legacy and struggled extensively with drug addictions himself.

He promised Ella Walker: "...a great memorable show – I include stories about Jimi and stories about the meaning of his songs.

"I'm scared people think they will be disappointed because 'he doesn't play like Jimi' – but I don't want to play like Jimi.

"I'm just getting started. I'd rather be rising than falling."

• Leon will also play The Howard Hall Theatre at Downing College on Saturday, August 9.

Latest news and events from



Our new programme for September and October will include among others *Mrs Brown's Boys D'Movie* (15), *The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed Out The Window and Disappeared* (15), *Boyhood* (15), *A Promise* (15) and *Hector and The Search for Happiness* (15).

■ Events to look out for include the always popular annual Haverhill & District Flower Club's Floral Art Competition taking place on Friday and Saturday August 15 and 16; come and be inspired! An Evening with Beverley Craven on Friday September 5 at 8pm has the BRIT-Award winner embarking on an extensive UK tour supporting the release of her brand new album, *Change Of Heart*, being launched this summer and More Tea Vicar? Frank Williams (the vicar from Dad's Army) remembers a life time in entertainment on Saturday September 12 at 3pm.

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Godzilla (12A): Tues 12noon, 9.15; Guardians of the Galaxy (12A): Fri 12.40, 3.20, 6.15, 9.15, 11.45; Sat 12.40, 3.20, 6.15, 8.55, 11.40; Sun-Tues 12.40, 3.20, 6.15, 9.15; Wed 12.40, 3.20, 6.15, 9.15; Thu 11am, 3.45, 6.45; Fri 11.15, 2.30, 5.30, 8.30; Sat 11am, 3.45, 6.45; Sun 11am, 3.45, 6.45

Guardians of the Galaxy 3D (12A): Fri-Sun 11am, 1.45, 5.8, 10.45; Mon-Tues 1am, 1.45, 5.8; Wed 11am, 1.45, 5.8, 10.45; Thu 1.45, 8, 10.45

Hercules (12A): Fri-Sat 9.15, 11.30; Sun 9.45; Mon 9.15; Wed-Thu 9.15, 11.30

How To Train Your Dragon 2 (PG): Fri-Sat 11am, 1.30, 4.15, 6.45; Sun 12.20, 2.40, 5, 7.20; Mon-Thu 11am, 1.30, 4.15, 6.45

Planes 2: Fire & Rescue (U): Fri-Wed 10am, 12.15, 2.30, 4.45, 7; Thu 10am, 12.15, 2.30, 4.45

Postman Pat: The Movie (U): Fri-Thu 10am

Step Up 5: All In(PG): Fri-Mon 2.30; Tues 2.45; Wed-Thu 2.30

The Expendables 3 (12A): Thurs: 11am, 2,

5.15, 7, 8.15, 9.45, 11.15, 20.01

The Inbetweeners 2 (15): Fri-Sat 10.30am,

12noon, 1, 2.15, 3.30, 4.30, 5.15, 6, 7, 8.15,

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The LEGO Movie (U): Sun 10am

The Nut Job (U): Fri-Mon 9.50am,

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Mood Indigo (12A): Fri 11.30am, 2; Sat 11.30am, 6; Sun 11.30am; Mon 3.30; Tues 8.15; Wed 4; Thu 2

Wakolda (12A): Fri 6; Sat 1.15; Sun 7; Mon 11.30am, 6; Tues 2; Wed 11.30am, 8.15; Thu 6

Guy's And Dolls (U): Sun 4; Wed 7.30

The Golden Dream (12A): Tues 8

NT Encore: Skylight (no cert): Mon 12noon

The Globe: A Midsummers Night's Dream (no cert): Wed 12noon

Kids Club: Viking Adventures From The British Museum (U): Sat 11am



PLANES 2: FIRE & RESCUE 3D (U, 84 mins)
If the first *Planes* film, a spin-off from Pixar's *Cars*, appeared to be propelled by merchandising opportunities rather than creative necessity, this action-packed sequel attempts to stand on its own landing gear with a stirring tale of heroism and self-sacrifice.

As the title suggests, *Planes 2: Fire & Rescue* immerses us in the daredevil world of fire-fighting, honouring the men and women – and aircraft – who "fly in when others are flying out".

It's a touching sentiment and screenwriter Jeffrey M Howard engineers some moving exchanges between the characters, some of whom are a splutter away from the scrap heap.

Director Bobs Gannaway employs the 3D format to striking effect in aerial sequences and the animation of raging infernos is impressively realistic.

However, there's an inescapable feeling that this gung-ho adventure should have taken a flight path directly to the home formats rather than the big screen.

Soaring over Propwash Junction with his

mentor Skipper (voiced by Stacy Keach), Dusty Crophopper (Dane Cook) suffers a malfunction.

Back at the hangar, trusted mechanic Dottie (Teri Hatcher) diagnoses a failing gearbox. "From now on, you have to keep down your torque to less than 80 percent," she instructs Dusty, putting an end to his illustrious racing career.

Dusty angrily defies Dottie and careens into the town's airport, causing a small fire. The incident casts doubt on the ability of veteran fire and rescue truck Mayday (Hal Holbrook) to service the airport's needs.

So Dusty agrees to abandon his racing dreams in order to earn his certificate as the town's fire-fighting plane.

The plucky crop duster heads to Piston Peak National Park to train under helicopter Blade Ranger (Ed Harris), who was once a TV star, and his team including scooper Lil' Dipper (Julie Bowen), helicopter Windlifter (Wes Studi) and ex-military transport plane Cabbie (Dale Dye).

As Dusty masters the art of airborne

fire-fighting, he also learns valuable lessons about friendship and endurance.

As Blade reminds him, "If you give up today, think of all the lives you can't save tomorrow."

Planes 2: Fire & Rescue is geared towards younger viewers, hammering home the importance of teamwork and the valuable contribution of emergency services.

There are a handful of verbal and visual gags to engage older audiences: a front cover of industry magazine *Cariety*; a bar patron drunkenly confiding, "She left me for a hybrid. I didn't hear it coming!"

A spoof of the long-running motorcycle police series *CHiPs* includes a cameo for Erik Estrada as Blade Ranger's partner on air patrol.

On the whole, though, Gannaway's sequel lacks the sophistication and emotional richness of yesteryear's *Frozen* or recent Pixar fare.

Animation is crisp and colourful and the vocal performances are similarly warm so audiences feel a toasty glow before the first plumes of smoke from the computer-generated blazes.

Magic of summer

THERE'S no shortage of inspiration when it comes to UK gardens – so if you're staying at home this summer, take a notepad, pen and camera to some of the best in the country.

Garden curators Jon Webster, from RHS Garden Rosemoor in Devon, and Paul Cook, from RHS Garden Harlow Carr in Yorkshire, offer their own preferences.

• Arley Hall & Gardens, Arley, Northwich, Cheshire (www.arleyhallgardens.com/01565 777 353)

The double herbaceous border, spanning around 100m from one end to the other, is a sight to behold in this private 10-acre garden in high summer. "It's been in the same family for years and each generation has made a contribution to the garden," says Cook.

Crocosmias, heliumums and other sizzling border plants create a stunning display in summer and beyond.

• RHS Garden Wisley, Woking, Surrey (www.rhs.org.uk/0845 260 9000)

Webster explains: "This is one of my favourites. I spent nearly 10 years working there. In summer, head for the mixed borders, which offer a very impressive vista of hornbeam hedge-backed



herbaceous beds with everything from pollarded trees to dahlias, geraniums and geums at the front edge, sunflowers at the back."

• Wollerton Old Hall Garden, Wollerton, Market Drayton, Shropshire (wollertonoldhallgarden.com/01630 685 760)

A mix of formal structure and soft planting schemes makes Wollerton an extremely special, high-quality garden. Set around a 16th century Tudor house, it covers four acres and has developed into an important modern garden in the English garden tradition with echoes of arts and crafts. The garden has significant collections of rare perennials, salvias, paniculata phlox and clematis. Admire the perfectly clipped topiary and the plantings which soften the structure.

• RHS Garden Harlow Carr, Harrogate, North Yorkshire (www.rhs.org.uk/01423 565 418)

This wonderful garden looks at horticulture through the ages, with compartmentalised gardens starting with the Edwardian era through to a contemporary Diarmuid Gavin garden at the end, with a bright purple wall and modern container planting schemes, including everlasting flowers and a twisted sedge.

STUNNING: A visitor looking at borders in the Hot Garden in summer at RHS Garden Rosemoor
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• Ness Botanic Gardens, University of Liverpool, Ness (www.nessgardens.org.uk/0845 030 4063)

"It's in a really dry area, on a sandstone outcrop and the gardens slope away from it on a south-facing slope," Cook explains. "The sandstone terraces are full of amazing tender plants that you would be more likely to see in a Cornish garden than in the north west. Unusual plants include climbing senecio and blue plumbago, which are more suited to the Mediterranean, along with beautiful agapanthus and kniphofias."

• Burton Agnes Hall, Driffield, East Yorkshire (www.burtonagnes.com/01262 490 324)

Stunning gardens fringe this Norman manor house including the walled garden, which contains more

than 4,000 different plant species, herbaceous borders, a jungle garden and national collection of campanulas, and a woodland walk. Check out the life-sized chess board in this family-friendly spot.

• RHS Garden Rosemoor, Great Torrington, Devon (www.rhs.org.uk/0845 265 8072)

In August, visitors should not miss the hot garden, Rosemoor's take on prairie-style planting, which is full of red, oranges and yellow flowers. Look out for Helenium 'Sahin's Early Flowerer' whose daisy yellow flowers are streaked with orange, mingling with dazzling monardas. The heat is turned up when the reds, oranges, blues and purples of salvia, lobelia, hemerocallis, kniphofia, coreopsis, crocosmia, rudbeckia and achillea join in later.

puzzles

ACROSS

- A spot for a vertical descent (4)
- Condition that causes one to prefer the low life? (10)
- One who's just played a leading part in the match (5-3)
- Apostolically, they follow John (4)
- Obliged to be unnatural (6)
- Press publicity made by a diver (6)
- Father and mother going round an American republic (6)
- Prevents movement near the western borders (6)
- Deserted port (4)
- Half an hour after the office has been ruined, he attends to the locks (8)
- Occasionally the present linked with the past (3,3,4)
- One of these indicates indefinite futurity (4)

DOWN

- Put a new coat on? (10)

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crossword

- It covers the tomb of an early evangelist, we hear (4)
- About the end of the battle, the mob shouted triumphantly (6)
- Black suit used in the digs (5)
- Everything in garbled codes is styled thus (2-6)
- State cut short the service (4)
- Relish completely in a discriminating way (10)
- To applaud a role that's turned up will be just empty words (9)
- Race madly round present-day covered precinct (6)
- Her wit could make you now in agony (6)
- Country boy round the north (4)
- Kitty requiring some of the stuff underneath (4)

Last week's answers: Across: 7 Raise; 8 Elevation; 9 Shallot; 10 Tonic; 12 Separative; 15 Tapestries; 18 Railing; 19 Tansy; 21 Geeling; 22 Easel. Down: 1 Rosewater; 2 Wal; 3 Zeal; 4 Berthe; 5 Fleabane; 6 Fanfic; 11 Centre-half; 13 Ensemble; 14 Appate; 16 Railing; 17 Tipsy; 20 Reed.

sudoku

Last week's answer:

7	2	8	6	3	4	9	1	
6	1	3	7	2	4	8	5	
4	8	6	5	9	1	7	2	
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6	5	1	4	8	2	3	0	7
2	6	7	1	8	5	6	4	3
3	7	2	6	1	5	8	0	4
1	4	6	3	7	8	2	5	9
5	8	9	2	4	0	1	7	3

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

The clues

6658 gives a capital
646612 gives a county
375619 gives a town

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Last week's answer: EMBLAZONS

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A well located three bedroom property situated on the popular Gainsborough Park development. The property briefly benefits from kitchen/diner, sitting room, en-suite shower room, garage and driveway. Offered for sale with no onward chain. (EPC Rating C).

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A spacious three bedroom town house conveniently located in a popular residential cul-de-sac which is within walking distance to the town centre and its amenities. The property benefits from spacious living accommodation, master bedroom with en-suite, integral garage and driveway providing off road parking. Offered for sale with no onward chain. (EPC Rating C).

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PICTURESQUE VILLAGE LOCATION WITH EXCELLENT ACCESS TO CAMBRIDGE, NEWMARKET AND SAFFRON WALDEN. A beautiful, refurbished four bedroom/two bathroom period property which has a separate coach house offering a large 'work from home' space.



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Guide Price £281,250

An extended and spacious five bedroom detached family home nicely positioned in a tucked away position with views over Great Wilsey Farm. The property enjoys many features including a generous kitchen / family room, good size, private garden and ample parking for several vehicles. STAMP DUTY INCENTIVE (EPC Rating E)





Haverhill



Guide Price £159,950

An extended and spacious three bedroom property with off road parking situated on the popular Parkway development. (EPC Rating D)



Haverhill



Guide Price £139,950

A spacious two bedroom second floor apartment ideally located within walking distance to the town centre. The property in brief benefits from master bedroom with en-suite, lounge / dining room and allocated parking. (EPC Rating C).



Dyers End, Stambourne



Guide Price £250,000

A spacious and extended bungalow offering two double bedrooms and two reception rooms. The property is located in the picturesque hamlet of Dyers End and enjoys attractive views over open countryside.



Halstead



Guide Price £270,000

An extended four bedroom semi detached property with a large garden, outbuildings and ample off road parking.



Haverhill



Guide Price £127,500

A pleasant and well presented one bedroom property conveniently located within walking distance of the town centre. The property would make an ideal first time / investment purchase and is offered for sale with no onward chain. (EPC Rating E).



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£159,950

A pleasant two bedroom property situated in a popular residential cul-de-sac on the Cambridge side of town. The property would make an ideal investment property and benefits from a lounge/dining room, single garage, allocated parking and rear garden. (EPC Rating D).

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£350,000

- An executive modern detached family home
- 2938 of square meters
- 5/6 Double bedrooms
- 23' x 15'1" Spacious lounge
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- Fully enclosed south facing rear garden
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- EPC Rating 'C'



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STEEPLE BUMPSTEAD

£145,000

- Charming character cottage
- Requiring some updating
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen
- Shower room
- Two bedrooms
- Delightful gardens
- EPC Rating 'F'



HAVERHILL

OIEO £350,000

- Best plot on the development
- Fantastic family home
- Kitchen/diner
- Lounge and dining room
- Five bedrooms
- Three ensuites
- Un-overlooked gardens
- Heated swimming pool
- EPC Rating 'C'



Castle Camps

OIEO £400,000

- 4 bedrooms
- 4 reception rooms
- Beautifully presented
- Stunning, private, west facing gardens
- Garage and plenty of parking
- Overlooking farmland to the front
- EPC Rating 'D'



HAVERHILL

OIEO £190,000

- Semi detached bungalow
- Recently renovated
- Lovely light lounge
- Re-fitted kitchen/diner
- Two bedrooms
- Re-fitted shower room
- Larger than average garden
- Driveway with ample of road parking

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NEW
LISTING

Henry Close

£222,950

Well maintained and much improved family town house situated in a delightful location offering far reaching views to the front elevation. The property offers two reception rooms, ground floor cloakroom, fitted kitchen and three bedrooms with the principle bedroom having an en-suite shower room. There is also the added benefit of an integral garage and block paved drive with attractive gardens and patio to the rear elevation.

NO FORWARD
CHAIN

Bloomsfield Road

£147,750

Immaculately presented first floor flat situated in a popular residential location. The property offers lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and family bathroom. There is also the added benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating to radiators and enclosed communal garden and allocated parking. EPC Rating B, 84.

NO FORWARD
CHAIN

Weddell Road

£208,000

Detached bungalow situated in this popular close to town location. The property offers lounge, kitchen, and a fitted bathroom now shower room, three bedrooms (third bedroom is currently used as a dining room). There is also the added benefit of UPVC double glazed windows and doors, enclosed rear garden, garage & driveway. EPC rating D, 59.

NEW
LISTING

Lowry Close

£189,950

End of terrace family house situated on the popular Cambridge side of town. The property offers ground floor cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, front & rear gardens, garage, gas fired central heating & no onward chain. EPC Rating C, 77



Crowland Road

£149,995

Well presented end of terrace house situated in a close to town location. The property offers lounge, dining room, kitchen & utility room, two bedrooms and bathroom to the first floor. There is also the added benefit of gas fired central heating, UPVC double glazing, front garden & un-overlooked generous rear garden measuring approximately 96'. EPC Rating E, 44



Atterton Road

£267,500

Detached family house situated on the popular Cambridge side of town. The property offers g/f cloakroom, lounge, dining room, re-fitted kitchen, conservatory, four bedrooms with en-suite to master, re-fitted family bathroom, solar panels to rear with an independent driveway and integral garage to front. EPC Rating B, 83.

NEW
LISTING

Atterton Road

£162,500

Terraced house situated on the popular Cambridge side of town. The property offers lounge/diner, kitchen, conservatory, two bedrooms and family bathroom. There is also the added benefit of UPVC double glazing (where stated), gas fired central heating to radiators and enclosed rear garden.

The property is being offered to investment purchasers only and has a tenant in situ at a rent of £615.00 per calendar month.



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£139,950

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Crowland Road £249,950

End of terrace family house offering versatile accommodation comprising g/f shower room, family room, bedroom four, lounge, kitchen/dining room and cloakroom to the first floor. To the second floor, three bedrooms and family bathroom. There is also the added benefit of UPVC double glazing, g/f, enclosed rear garden, garage and casual parking. EPC rating: D, 66.



Brickfields Drive £269,950

Spacious well maintained family house offering lounge, dining room, g/f, cloakroom, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, four bedrooms, en-suite, family bath/shower room, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, enclosed rear garden and driveway providing ample casual parking. EPC rating: C, 75.

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CHAIN

Janus Close

£295,000

Detached bungalow situated on the popular Turpins Ride development. The property offers lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, en-suite shower room and wet room. There is also the added benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating to radiators, enclosed rear garden, double detached garage and driveway providing ample casual parking.



Broad Street £229,950

Victorian extended terraced family house situated in a popular close to town location offering: lounge, dining room, kitchen, ground floor cloakroom, four bedrooms with en-suite to master, family bathroom, double glazing (where stated), gas fired central heating to radiators, enclosed rear garden and garage to rear. EPC Rating: D, 55.



Howard Close £249,950

Detached family house occupying an elevated position on the popular Cambridge side of town. The property offers lounge, ground floor cloakroom, kitchen / dining room, three bedrooms with en-suite to master and bathroom to the first floor. There is also the added benefit of a double garage with double driveway to the rear. EPC Rating: D, 63.



Water Lane, Steeple Bumpstead £325,000

Spacious three bed detached bungalow situated in a popular village location. Accommodation comprises re-fitted kitchen, utility room, lounge, en-suite to master, front, rear and side gardens and double length garage. EPC rating: D, 65.



Hundon £465,000

Well maintained & extended detached bungalow situated in a popular Suffolk village with captivating countryside views to dual elevations. The property offers some fine features to include four bedrooms, detached garage & extensive mature gardens. EPC rating: D, 60.



Hill Crescent £725,000

A rare opportunity to purchase this substantial detached residence situated in a prime residential location and offering versatile accommodation to include: Five bedrooms and a leisure complex with indoor heated swimming pool and Jacuzzi. No onward chain. EPC rating: D, 62.

TO LET



Coupals Close £575 pcm

First floor flat offering lounge / diner, kitchenette, two bedrooms and bathroom. There is also the added benefit of UPVC double glazing and communal gardens. Available early September 2014. No smokers or pets. Housing benefit not accepted. EPC rating: D, 64.

LET
AGREED

Pannells Ash, Ashen £595 pcm

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Elmdon Place £750 pcm

Well presented end of terrace property offering: g/f cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/dining room, three bedrooms, bathroom, gas fired central heating, UPVC double glazing, rear and side gardens. Available Mid September 2014. No smokers or pets. Housing benefit not accepted. EPC rating: D, 61.

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A detached bungalow in Great Yeldham. Accommodation to include a kitchen, lounge/diner, three bedrooms and a family shower room. Off road parking and a fully enclosed rear garden.

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HAVERHILL £255,000


SOLD SUBJECT TO CONTRACT. A well presented detached family home with accommodation to include a lounge, kitchen/diner and four bedrooms with en-suite to master.

HAVERHILL £269,500


A detached family home Strawberry Fields development. Accommodation to include a lounge, kitchen/diner, four bedrooms and a family bathroom. Viewing is recommended.

HAVERHILL £267,500


We are pleased to offer for sale this link detached extended family home located on the ever popular 'Arrendene Development'. Accommodation to include a large lounge and dining area, kitchen, cloakroom, three first floor double bedrooms and a family bathroom. Viewing advised.

LITTLE WRATTING £550,000


This four bedroom delightful and superbly presented 18th Century detached cottage which has been lovingly restored and extended retaining many original features. Double detached garage, ample parking and gardens overlooking open fields. Viewing is highly recommended.

HELIONS £310,000
NEW

HAVERHILL £475,000
NEW


A detached bungalow located in Helions Bumpstead. Accommodation to include a modern refitted kitchen, utility room, open plan to dining room, three double bedrooms, family bathroom and a separate shower room. An un-overlooked beautifully presented rear garden. Viewing is advised.

This rarely available detached and extended bungalow located in one of the most desirable areas of Haverhill in 'Hill Crescent'. Accommodation to include a modern kitchen/diner, utility room, large lounge, snug, four bedrooms, two en-suites and a family bathroom. Viewing is highly recommended.

HAVERHILL £249,995
HAVERHILL £650 pcm
NOW LET
HAVERHILL £775 pcm
NOW LET


A Brand New, recently completed, three bedroom end of terrace town house. accommodation to include on the ground floor kitchen/diner, utility area, cloakroom and lounge with ample storage cupboards. On the first floor two double bedrooms and a family bathroom and on the second floor a master bedroom with dressing area and an en-suite shower room. With a low maintenance rear garden, a single garage and a driveway. Viewing is highly recommended.

NOW LET
A well presented two bedroom ground floor maisonette on an established development. Close to local shops, schools and amenities.

NOW LET
We are pleased to offer for rent this end of terrace family home located within walking distance of the town centre.

A nicely presented three bedroom terraced family home located on the outskirts of the Chalkstone estate. Unoverlooked garden. £725 PCM. Available beginning of September

HAVERHILL £800 pcm


A great opportunity to rent this three storey, three bedroom Victorian town house. Just a short walk from Haverhill town centre. Available beginning of September 2014.

HAVERHILL £600 pcm
NEW


A great opportunity to rent this modern one bedroom property located on the popular Cambridge side of town. Close to all local amenities. Available beginning of September.

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sales**Strawberry Fields**

A well presented three bedroom end of terrace house on the sought after Strawberry Fields development. The property enjoys spacious living accommodation throughout with the added benefit of a garage and allocated parking to the rear.

**Guide Price £184,950**

NO CHAIN

EPC C

Erratts Hill Asking Price Of £249,995
Extended fully renovated 3 Bedroom semi detached house in the picturesque village of Cowling, the property has undergone extensive works with a two storey extension adding large kitchen and En-suite bathroom to master bedroom, the property must be viewed to appreciate the size of accommodation and quality of works carried out.



EPC D

Bramley Road Guide Price £299,995
A rare opportunity to purchase this highly spacious detached family home in the area of Strawberry Fields on the Cambridge side of town. The property benefits from having two reception rooms AND conservatory, three double bedrooms and one single with an en-suite to the master. Viewing highly recommended.



NEW

Gannet Close**Offers In Excess Of £165,000**

ATTENTION INVESTORS! A chance to acquire this 3 bedroom family home situated on the ever popular Bird Estate to be sold with a tenant paying £695pcm who has been in situ since 2008 and would like to stay in residency at the property. Accommodation in brief comprises, ground floor cloakroom, kitchen/diner, lounge, 3 bedrooms and family bathroom.

**Helions Park Avenue**

EVER WANTED YOUR OWN PUB? This superbly presented extended three bedroom semi detached home offers spacious accommodation throughout to include a newly fitted kitchen and bathroom, with two ground floor extensions and a large log cabin at the bottom of the garden which is currently used as a pub complete with bar and pool table.

Guide Price £229,995**Downs Place****Offers In Excess Of £155,000**

A stunning three storey, two bedroom Victorian house situated within a five minute walk of the Town Centre, boasting a wealth of charm complemented by a new fitted kitchen and bathroom. This property MUST BE VIEWED to appreciate the accommodation on offer.

**Weddell Road** Guide Price £235,000

A stunning two bedroom detached bungalow on the outskirts of Haverhill, within walking distance of East Town Park and Haverhill Golf Club. The property has been renovated to a high standard throughout to include a new fitted kitchen, new bathroom suite and the addition of a conservatory. MUST BE VIEWED!

**Roman Way** Guide Price £250,000

A superb opportunity to purchase this fantastically modernised three bedroom detached bungalow close to Haverhill Golf Club and East Town Park. Improvements include a new kitchen, laminate flooring and replacement windows. The property benefits from a garage and off road parking accompanied by a large rear garden.

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NEW



ATTERTON ROAD

A tucked away three bedroom detached property located in a pleasant cul de sac on the Hanchett Park development which is on the Cambridge side of town

- 3 Bedrooms, ensuite to master
- Double glazed
- Lounge and separate dining room
- Conservatory
- Cloakroom
- EPC grade D

£230,000



WITHERSFIELD

A rare development opportunity provided by this three bedroom Victorian detached house, standing in L shaped grounds of approximately * acre in total and for which there is planning consent for a further detached dwelling

Currently in need of general modernisation, the property offers great potential for extension and stands in grounds with an overall depth of approximately 190' which widens to the rear to approximately 176' and previously used as a paddock. There is currently outline planning consent for the construction of a further detached house to the side, application reference SE/12/1524

Offers in excess of £300,000



CRAMSWELL CLOSE

Offered to investment purchasers only, this modern and particularly well presented terraced house occupies a most pleasant end cul de sac position within a highly sought

- after development
- 2 Bedrooms
- Lounge/dining room
- Upvc double glazing
- Modern kitchen with hob & oven
- Allocated parking
- EPC grade B



BLENHEIM CLOSE

This substantial detached family residence, has accommodation measuring 1565 sq ft spread over two floors and is located in one of Haverhill's sought after cul de sacs in a non estate location

- 4 Double bedrooms
- Double glazed
- 3 Reception rooms
- Cloakroom
- Garage and parking
- EPC grade D

£400,000



HORSEHEATH

An extremely rare development opportunity with full planning consent to convert neighbouring former agricultural buildings into two truly spacious detached residential dwellings one being single storey of some 4000 sq ft and the other of some 3000 sq ft set out on two floors and each standing in

their own grounds in excess of 1 acre within a magnificent parkland setting

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STURMER

A charming character period cottage, to be found in immaculate order and presented to a high standard with deceptively spacious accommodation as well as a double garage located to the rear

- Two / Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Beautiful South Facing Garden
- En-Suite Shower Room
- EPC grade D

£274,950



WITHERSFIELD

A semi detached Victorian style home, offering generous accommodation with no onward chain

- 3 Bedrooms
- Double glazed
- Oil fired central heating
- Open plan lounge/dining room
- Kitchen plus utility area
- EPC grade E

£179,950



MANOR FARM CLOSE

A highly sought after first floor apartment, located within the highly regarded Manor Farm Close cul de sac and presented to an extremely high standard, being offered with no onward chain

- 2 Bedrooms, ensuite to master
- Lounge/dining room
- Double glazed
- Secure entry hall
- Allocated parking
- EPC grade C

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WITHERSFIELD ROAD

AVAILABLE SOON

This recently updated Victorian terraced property has accommodation comprising, lounge, separate dining room, kitchen with cooker, rear lobby with washing machine and cloakroom off and on the first floor, two good size bedrooms and luxury refitted bathroom with bath and separate shower cubicle. The enclosed garden to the rear has a paved patio and lawn. EPC grade D

£675 PCM *



CASTLE CAMPS

AVAILABLE MID SEPTEMBER

This modernised cottage is set within the heart of this popular Cambridgeshire village and retains many character features and open countryside to the rear. The unfurnished accommodation comprises a lounge with log burner, well fitted kitchen and bathroom, two first floor bedrooms and rear garden. EPC grade E

£675 PCM *



CROWLAND ROAD

AVAILABLE EARLY SEPTEMBER

Close to the town centre this unfurnished house offers a good size lounge/dining room, modern fitted kitchen, downstairs cloakroom and on the first floor, two bedrooms and bathroom. EPC grade E

£615 PCM *



STEEPLE BUMPSTEAD

AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER

Located within this popular village, in a quiet cul de sac this unfurnished detached house offers accommodation comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room and cloakroom, four bedrooms and family bathroom to the first floor. Pleasant rear garden and garage and parking. EPC grade D

£895 PCM *

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£299,995

A beautifully presented 4 bedroom house on the edge of the popular Poppyfields development, with the added benefit of solar panels generating approximately £2000 income per annum for the current vendors. The property offers wonderfully landscaped gardens, garage & generous parking facilities.

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NEW



Haverhill

£131,000

A ground floor apartment with 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, kitchen & parking. The property would appeal to first time buyers & investors, as well as a buyer needing disabled access. Walking distance to the town centre via the old railway line public footpath. NO ONWARD CHAIN. (EPC-C)

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Clare

£349,950

This extended 3-4 bedroom detached Victorian property has been modernised in recent years, providing the charm of an older house & the advantages of modern living. Benefiting from a kitchen/diner & utility, lounge, dining room, office/fourth bedroom, downstairs shower room, gardens & parking for several cars.

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Haverhill

£275,000

Stamp duty paid for this executive spacious townhouse within walking distance of the town centre. The property offers 4-5 good sized bedrooms, lounge, kitchen, dining room, study & utility, 2 bathrooms, ground floor WC & garage with ample parking to the front. The property is well presented throughout and must be viewed.

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Stansfield

Guide Price £450,000

This superbly presented 4 bedroom detached house has been extended & modernised, providing generous & versatile living accommodation of a notable high standard. Benefits include; 4 reception rooms, kitchen/diner & utility, cloakroom, 2 ensuites, secluded garden, cart lodge & drive. NO ONWARD CHAIN.

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Steeple Bumpstead

£450,000

A truly stunning, individual home in a picturesque rural setting with countryside views, built to the highly regarded 'Potten' design. This immaculate property kept to a fantastic standard throughout, benefits from a modern contemporary build quality mixed with a wealth of traditional character features. Must be viewed.

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Clare

£425,000

This 4 bedroom semi detached Victorian property has been extended in recent years, providing a self contained 2 bedroom annexe to the side. The property is located a short distance from Clare town centre & enjoys a generous sized plot, countryside views & off road parking.

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OIRO £335,000

Bychoice are delighted to offer for sale this extremely well presented 6 bedroom house in the sought after Hanchett Village. The property offers lounge, dining room, kitchen, ensuite to master bedroom & family bathroom. The property also benefits from integral garage & driveway. (EPC - D)

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Clare

Formerly The Red Lion Public House & converted approximately 25 years ago, this impressive Victorian property is situated within a short walking distance of the heart of Clare. The property offers versatile accommodation, with 4 bedrooms, a generous sized garden, double car port & ample parking.

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Haverhill

£199,995

A fantastic opportunity to purchase this 3 bedroom semi detached property in a popular location, within walking distance of the town centre. The property further offers garage & driveway, lounge, dining room, kitchen & immaculate gardens. NO ONWARD CHAIN.

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Stoke By Clare

£345,000

This spacious 4 double bedroom detached property is situated in a popular village location & enjoys uninterrupted views over meadowland to the rear. The property benefits from a versatile layout, ensuite to master, kitchen/diner, mature rear gardens, double garage & ample parking. NO ONWARD CHAIN.

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Brockley Green

£475,000

A well presented & deceptively spacious 5 bedroom detached property, situated in a quiet semi rural location & enjoying uninterrupted countryside views. The property has been renovated of recent & benefits from a modern kitchen/diner & bathrooms, 3 receptions, good sized rear garden & carriage driveway.

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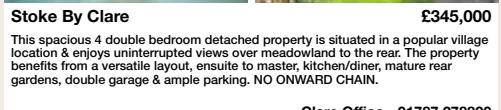


Haverhill

£159,995

A well presented 2 bedroom Victorian home within walking distance of the town centre. Accommodation comprises of family bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen as well as front & rear gardens. The property will be suited to first time buyers and investors alike. Viewing highly recommended.

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Three-storey Victorian house

Downs Place: £155,000



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- Victorian house
- Three storeys
- Two bedrooms
- Feature fireplaces
- £155,000



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Henderson Close, Haverhill, £650pcm

Modern two bed mid terrace on the Cambridge side of town, kitchen, lounge with patio doors to rear garden, two double bedrooms, bathroom, pets allowed, off road parking, carpeted throughout, gas central heating. EPC band: C



Coral House, Watersedge £625 pcm

Spacious two bed first floor flat in ideal location close to the town centre. Good sized bathroom. Large lounge with kitchen area which is fully equipped with all white goods. Two double bedrooms both neutrally decorated. The property benefits from electric storage heaters and is double glazed. Private parking space. EPC band: C



Hempstead Road, Haverhill, £675pcm

Well presented modern two bed mid terrace house on the Cambridge side of town in quiet cul de sac location. Lounge/diner, modern kitchen. Two good sized bedrooms which are both carpeted. Bathroom boasts white three piece suite. Rear garden mainly laid to lawn. Gas central heating, no pets allowed. EPC band: C



Hempstead Road, Haverhill, £650pcm

Two bed mid terrace house on the Cambridge side of town located in quiet cul de sac. Lounge with patio doors leading out into rear garden. Easily maintainable kitchen. Two good sized bedrooms and bathroom. Benefiting from gas central heating and double glazing. No pets allowed. EPC band: C



STEEPLE BUMPSTEAD £650PCM

Two bed end terrace house in the desirable village of Steeple Bumpstead. Ground floor comprises of good sized lounge, kitchen/breakfast room with matching range of cream wall and base units. First floor offers bathroom with three piece suite consisting of low level toilet, bath with shower and pedestal hand basin. One double bedroom and one single room. The property benefits from gas central heating and is carpeted throughout. Well enclosed rear garden with paved patio area and wooden shed.

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THE Citroen C1 supermini was the most reliable new car of 2014, with an impressive reliability rating of 99.3 per cent for the first three years, according to a new Which? survey.

BMW and Toyota were the best manufacturers, while the Hyundai iX20 diesel was the least reliable car up to three years old, with a score of 75.2 per cent.

These were the most reliable cars in each class, with scores:

Superminis: Citroen C1 (petrol, 2005-2014) 99.3%

Medium cars: Toyota Auris (2012-) 98.8%

Large cars: Skoda Octavia (2013-) 98.7%

Luxury cars: Mercedes-Benz E-class (2009-) 94.5%

Estate cars: BMW 3 Series Touring (2012-) 96.6%

MPVs: Toyota Verso (2009-) 98.5%

4x4s/SUVs: Honda CR-V (petrol, 2012-) 98.5%

Sports cars: BMW 3 Series Coupe (2006-2013) 96.6%

Least reliable new cars in each class, with scores, were:

Superminis: Volkswagen Polo



TOP OF THE PILE: The Citroen C1

(diesel, 2009-) 82.2%

Medium cars: BMW 1 Series hatchback (2004-2011) 79.0%

Large cars: Vauxhall Insignia (2008-) 86.2%

Luxury cars: Jaguar XF (2008-)

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"All-new Ford EcoSport delivers a clever and connected small car for our European customers," said Nick Fitzgerald, EcoSport chief programme engineer. "Ford's new urban SUV is economical, flexible and stylish, and will line-up alongside the new B-MAX compact multi-activity vehicle, the best-selling Fiesta to complete Ford's comprehensive small car line-up for the UK."

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DRIVERLESS cars have been tipped to transform Britain's transport network after the Government launched a £10 million competition to host a series of on-the-road trials.

Business Secretary Vince Cable announced that driverless vehicles will be allowed on public roads in three UK cities in January next year.

After being given a tour of a private test track in Nuneaton, Warwickshire, in a GPS-guided Ford Mondeo estate (pictured), Mr Cable confirmed the trials would last for up to three years.

The minister told reporters: "The technology is now there in the vehicles - we want to match it up with satellites so that potentially you get whole fleets of cars operating much more efficiently with less congestion."

"There is a lot of work to be done, both on the technology side and on developing the system of regulation so that it can operate extremely safely, but we want to get this experiment launched next year on real

roads."

Asked for his thoughts on the specially-adapted Mondeo, which has a saucer-shaped GPS receiver and sensors to trigger braking and communicate with traffic lights, Mr Cable replied: "It was a very pleasant, very safe experience.

"Within a few seconds the driver had taken his hand off the

establish how the UK can remain at the forefront of driverless car technology and ensure there is an appropriate regime for testing driverless cars in the UK.

Two areas of technology will cover

Clark said: "I was amazed the first time I travelled in one at just how good the navigation is."

Predicting that in the long-term, driverless technology could improve safety and may even reduce insurance premiums, Mr Clark added: "I think we do have a fantastic set of advantages here - it combines a number of different technologies in which Britain has a really

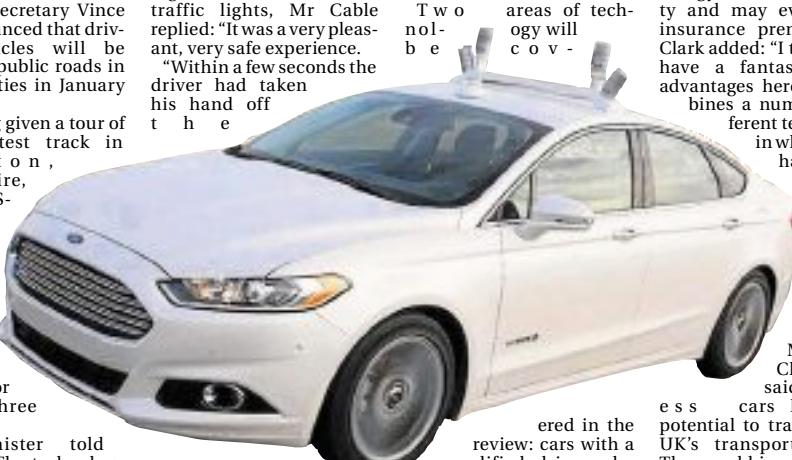
good reputation such as satellite technology and big data."

Transport Minister Claire Perry said: "Driverless cars have huge

potential to transform the UK's transport network. They could improve safety, reduce congestion and lower emissions, particularly CO2."

"We are determined to ensure driverless cars can fulfil this potential which is why we are actively reviewing regulatory obstacles to create the right framework for trialling these vehicles on British roads."

Driverless cars are already in use in a number of countries, including America, Japan and Sweden.



wheel and we went around the corner."

UK cities have until the start of October to submit bids for a share of the £10 million allocated to host the trials, with up to three cities being selected.

But motoring groups have warned that road users will be wary of the introduction of driverless vehicles.

Ministers have also launched a review to look at current road regulations to



Chris Evans prompts the question: What makes a good car reviewer?

FIRST, an admission, writes Matt Joy. I actually like Chris Evans. When I was still in short-ish trousers, watching him with Zig and Zag on The Big Breakfast meant guaranteed laughs. He made a mint inventing Don't Forget Your Toothbrush and anyone that gets up at 4am every morning and can sound that enthusiastic on the radio gets my respect.

More recently however Mr Evans has taken to reviewing new cars. He's obviously a car fan – he created Car Fest for goodness sake – and has a car collection that would make grown men weep. But I'm not sure that qualifies him to be a good car reviewer.

In his latest piece, which you can find in a well-known daily, he writes about the Toyota Aygo, a city car that costs £11,000 in high-specification form. But he finds almost nothing of merit with it at all. He criticises the seats, the size of the boot, the doors, the rear headroom, its lack of speed and eventually declares if he owned one, he 'would never drive anywhere ever again'.

I have to confess right now, because I want to be entirely fair, that I have not yet driven the Toyota Aygo. But what I have spent a week driving is the Peugeot 108, and as any good car reviewer would know, the 108, Citroen C1 and Aygo are closely-



CAR NUT: But being a Ferrari owner doesn't validate Chris Evans' Aygo opinions

related sisters, designed and built in a partnership between Peugeot/Citroen and Toyota. So I feel I'm well-placed to counter his criticism.

Better placed than normal, as it happens. Because the week before the Peugeot 108 appeared, I just happened to have spent five days driving

a Ferrari F12 Berlinetta. Now Mr Evans' own collection favours slightly older Prancing Horses but I have still experienced the chasm that is stepping from a six-figure supercar to a five-figure city car. And in no way did the Ferrari spoil or diminish my experience of the little 108.

Sure, I missed the power; the Peugeot dishes out a whole 672bhp less than the F12. And I'm fairly certain that no females were so in love with my car that they were prepared to hand over their phone numbers. But it is actually fun to drive, is certainly quick enough (there's a 1.2-

litre version if you need more power) and the space inside is actually pretty good for a car that's probably shorter than Mr Evans' phone bill.

Call me crazy, but I think someone who has a fleet of multi-million pound Ferraris isn't best placed to pass judgement on a car designed for someone who might have just passed their test, or has saved up for years to buy their first brand-new car and can only afford something small. I suspect both of these parties would be delighted with an Aygo, whereas Mr Evans could be described as somewhat spoilt.

You could even suggest that maybe a radio DJ isn't best placed to review cars either, just as being a chef, a London mayor or a TV presenter doesn't naturally give you the skills required to accurately assess a car's good and bad points. I don't know about you, but I wouldn't ask Anton du Beke for his opinion on the best washer-dryer under £500.

Of course the reason these reviews are published is not because of what is being said, merely who is saying it. That suits the car manufacturers – when they say nice things at least – but for the car-buying public like you and me, if you want to read something worthy then best try one written by someone who reviews cars for a day...

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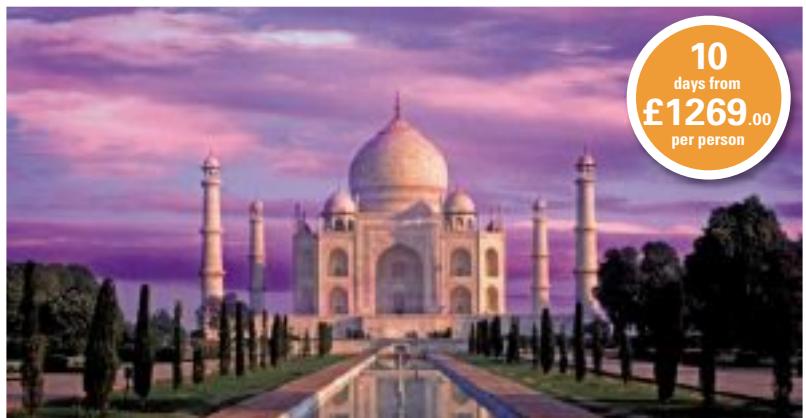
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General Vacancies



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Starting Salary range £20,456 - £ 26,389 per annum

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The successful candidate will be expected to work 8.30 a.m. - 5.45 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 8.30 a.m. - 5.15 p.m. on Fridays.

Part-Time Nursery Nurse (25 hours per week Ref NF-C)

Starting Salary range £10,981 - £12,744 per annum

The Nursery Nurse will predominantly be based within our Caterpillar room (children aged between 12 - 24 months) but must also be willing to work in other rooms throughout the nursery. This post is to work throughout the whole year, including the school holidays. Applicants must have a full and relevant Level 2 qualification such as CACHE/NVQ or equivalent and be experienced in working with babies and toddlers under two years of age.

The successful candidate will be expected to work 8.45 a.m. - 1.45 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Temporary Nursery Assistant (40.75 hours per week Ref AB-LTC)

Starting Salary range £16,781 - £18,440 per annum

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The successful candidate will be expected to work 8.30 a.m. - 5.45 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 8.30 a.m. - 5.15 p.m. on Fridays.

These posts are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and an enhanced DBS check (formerly CRB Disclosure) is required.

Further information about the Institute can be found on our website. Application forms and further details are available electronically from our website (www.babraham.ac.uk), or by contacting our 24-hour Recruitment Line on 01223 496365, or e-mail: babraham.personnel@babraham.ac.uk. On applying please quote the reference number you are applying for. Closing date for completed applications is Wednesday 20th August 2014. Please note interviews for these positions will take place on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th August 2014. **NO AGENCIES PLEASE**

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Ready for the big kick-off: Haverhill Rovers start their new season this Saturday.

Rovers boosted by new players

DEAN Greygoose believes his Haverhill Rovers side are in better shape for the new season in the Thurlow Nunn League, Premier Division than they were this time last season and his optimistic his team can keep pace with the front-runners.

The manager has bolstered his ranks with a number of new signings to add some much needed depth to a squad that suffered when injuries began to take their toll last season.

Among the newcomers are goalkeeper Adam Whybrow, Sam Parkinson, Ryan Cotton and Craig Skipp, and Greygoose has so far been very happy with how they have performed in pre-season.

"We've had a good pre-season," he said.

"The younger players from last season are looking stronger and fitter and seem to be a bit more clued in."

"The players we've brought in will do a good job and with one or two more that

I'm looking to bring in, I'm sure we'll be as good if not better than last year."

There have been three departures – Jamie Greygoose, Greg Strong and Andrew Ofosu – but injuries have frustrated Greygoose in his preparations.

Jamie Challis is out of action with a knee complaint, and Paul Abbott and Perry Moody are also sidelined.

"We've got three out who are good players which is disappointing," continued Greygoose.

"But we're looking forward to the start of the season."

Rovers begin their campaign at home to Whilton United, a team Greygoose expects to be challenging near the top of the table.

"Saturday's game is a difficult one to start with," he said.

"But we're at home and hopefully we'll continue where we left off at the end of last season."

"Our aim is to do more than what we

did last season. We need to be more consistent. At home we were a force to be reckoned with but we need to be more consistent in our away games."

"Hopefully we'll show an improvement. It would be great if we can finish higher than we did last year."

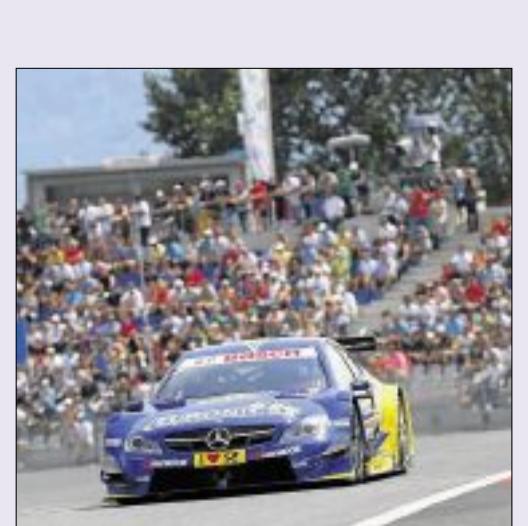
Haverhill Borough boss Ben Cowling certainly hopes his team show signs of improvement in the First Division this coming season.

He knows it will be hard for his players to repeat their fourth place finish, but a stronger performance in the cups or in the league would be very welcome.

"We've got to learn to apply ourselves as we did last year," he said.

"Improvement is the key factor. It's going to be a competitive league and we've got a tough start but we should know where we are by the end of August."

"We've had a tough pre-season to get us ready for it so it should be an interesting season."



Off the pace: Gary Paffett's struggles continued in Austria

No end in sight for Paffett's misfortune

GARY Paffett's miserable DTM season continued when he finished in 17th place at the Red Bull Ring in Spielberg.

Paffett travelled to the Austrian circuit in desperate need of an encouraging performance.

But the problems he has endured this season were evident in qualifying as Paffett struggled to get his Euronics Mercedes AMG C-Coupe up to speed.

The Haverhill driver felt the car had potential but he was unable to extract it as he failed to progress to the second part of qualifying, with a grid slot of 19th.

"That was a pretty terrible race," said Paffett.

"We had the same speed as (qualifying), so we simply weren't fast enough. I was struggling with the balance of the car on both tyres."

"Also, on the first couple of laps, I had some tough battles and lost out. That was a bit of a disaster."

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one stage in the race he climbed up to 14th.

The mini revival was short-lived, however, as he was involved in a tangle with BMW driver Bruno Spengler on lap 28.

He was able to continue and was involved in another on-track battle with Maxime Martin. Paffett kept him at bay initially but, on lap 43, the BMW man got past, and Paffett eventually crossed the line in 17th.

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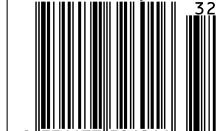
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